



DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Docket No. X-13948

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the invention entitled

Use of *Streptococcus pneumonia* Acyl Carrier Protein
Synthase Crystal Structure in Diagnostics, Antimicrobial
Drug Design, and Biosensors

which is described and claimed in the specification which:

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one) [X] was filed on June 29, 2001 as United States
Application Serial No.09/897,645

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional patent application(s) listed below.

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